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For: COMPUTER SYSTEM HAVING A STORAGE AREA NETWORK AND METHOD  
OF HANDLING DATA IN THE COMPUTER SYSTEM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1459  
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April 30, 2004

Sir:

In reply to the Final Rejection mailed December 30, 2003  
and further to the Advisory Action mailed April 13, 2004,  
Applicants respond as follows. A Request for Continued  
Examination (RCE) Transmittal accompanies this response as  
well as a petition and fee for a One-month Extension of Time.